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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 2991

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS PFOR PINT EG
SUBJECT: SITREP 9 2230 LT, OCTOBER 7

REF: CAIRO 2974

1. TONIGHT, SLIGHT INCREASE OF CIVIL DEFENSE PREPAREDNESS EVIDENT IN CAIRO. BLACKOUT NOW ABOUT 75 PERCENT EFFECTIVE THROUGHOUT MOST AREAS OF CITY. PRINCIPAL THOROUGHFARES AND MAJOR SQUARES ARE GENERALLY LIT BY ONE LIGHT. PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITY LIGHTER BUT VEHICULAR ACTIVITY MUCH AS LAST NIGHT, ALTHOUGH USINTOFFS HAVE NOTICED INCREASE OF MILITARY TRAFFIC THROUGH CITY. FOREIGN COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING AMERICAN, APPEAR RELATIVELY UNPERTURBED. COMMERCIAL CABLE FACILITIES REMAIN OPEN, ALTHOUGH EXPERIENCING DELAYS. INTERNATIONAL PHONE CALLS NOW DELAYED 2-3 DAYS. SLIGHT INCREASE OF GUARD FORCES HAS BEEN NOTED AROUND SENSITIVE INSTALLATIONS
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2. ATMOSPHERE AMONG EGYPTIAN POPULATION APPEARS SLIGHTLY MORE OPTIMISTIC. CAIRO RADIO HAS CONTINUED TO GIVE GENERALLY SUCCESSFUL VIEW OF MILITARY SITUATION TO EAST OF CANAL, WHILE NOTING SOME AIRCRAFT LOSSES. 2100 CAIRO TV SHOWED FILMS OF EGYPTIAN TROOPS CROSSING CANAL AND OPERATIONS IN SINAI. BEST CHARACTERIZATION OF EMOTIONAL PITCH AMONG OBSERVED CAIRO POPULATION APPEARS TO BE THAT OF LOW-HIGH. THIS MAY BE RESULT OF APATHY OR GENERAL SKEPTICISM, BUT HAS INTENSIFIED SOMEWHAT SINCE MORNING.

3. PARA 4 OF SETREP 6 CONTINUES TO BE VALID.

4. BARRING UNUSUAL EVENT, NEXT SITREP WILL APPEAR AFTER 0800 LOCAL TIME, OCTOBER 8.
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